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Letter dated 22 March 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish formally to reiterate the position of Switzerland with respect to the crimes committed in Darfur.

Switzerland has for several years supported the efforts to bring peace to the Sudan and has followed attentively the discussions of recent weeks on Darfur in the Security Council. It urges the members of the Council to refer the situation in Darfur to the International Criminal Court, in accordance with the recommendations of the United Nations Commission of Inquiry on Darfur established by the Council.

Switzerland has constantly upheld the position that serious violations of human rights and humanitarian law must be investigated and that the perpetrators, no matter who they are, must be punished, where necessary at the international level. Providing justice to the victims should not only break the cycle of impunity and prevent new atrocities; it should also contribute to the peace efforts under way and lay the foundations for reconciliation.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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